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2012 Prairie Star: Malena Handeen



The Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council is pleased to announce Malena Handeen of Milan, MN as the recipient of the 2012 Prairie Star Award, which honors a distinguished artist whose work and activities have best exemplified the highest quality of work in the SMAHC region.

Fred Cogelow of Willmar, Malena's nominator, describes her as a "skilled musician and unique vocalist. Malena, to my mind, is as close as a mortal can come to being an animating force. Malena's work is an authentic reflection of her own indigenous, complex, joyous individuality. She uses her music to give back to the community and to create community. She manifests a compulsion to revel in the thrill of the senses and a drive to experiment and excel."

AN INTERVIEW WITH MALENA HANDEEN

Where did you grow up and go to school?

I was born at Moonstone farm outside Montevideo in 1976. I grew up there, going to school in Montevideo until I was 16. I was accepted to the Minnesota Center for Arts Education, now known as Perpich High School for the Arts. Then I left high school for Colorado and snowboarding but returned a year later and received my diploma at Montevideo. I took classes from the U of M Morris and the College of Visual Arts in St. Paul interspersed with periods of travel in the US, Mexico, and Europe which served to be considerably educational as well.

Tell us about your career.

My career is a balance of three focuses: Farming, which provides the stability of my family's livelihood and enables me to eat as well as I do; Music, which affords an outlet for my voice and a purpose for all the mad writing I engage in; and Painting and printmaking which I feel most passionately about. Though I do commissioned work from time to time, my portraits, especially of myself and other women, are the pieces I am most proud of along with certain depictions of storms. My interest in human form and atmospheric light has consumed more of my cumulative thoughts than anything else. I am captivated by beauty in the natural world and hope I can serve to honor and share it. I enjoy solitude and the companionship of my wiser or more child-like self, depending. I am apprenticing in tattooing.

When did you first begin to be interested in music?

I became interested in performing music at some very young age as my parents are both musicians. I still play regularly with them. My brother Daniel Handeen may have been as large a factor as anything in my formative years as he is and was a voracious student of music. I gathered many varied influences through him and prefer him as a bandmate for the ease of communication with him. My aunt Dale Handeen was also influential as a songwriter and wielder of an amazing inimitable voice.

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SMAHC Gallery features Joyce Meyer's blended photography



Joyce Meyer, digital photo blended imagery, 16"

The SMAHC Gallery will feature works by Joyce Meyer of Canby from September 6 through October 2, 2012. This exhibition started out as Joyce's project to incorporate multiple photographic images blended to express diversity and commonality of human nature, emotional expressions and purpose of rural culture. Joyce applied for, and received, a grant from the SW MN Arts & Humanities Council to complete this project in February of 2011.

An art teacher and owner of RJMeyerart Portrait Studio in rural Canby, Joyce used only available light to portray the natural textures in the environment with no added flash. Subject matter was drawn from everyday rural and small town life situations. Joyce said, "With multiple layers of a scene I would like to depict a deeper understanding of character, emotion and life as we know it in southwestern Minnesota. Each layer requires careful blending of opacity, texture and tone to give the feeling required of each subject and its surroundings."

Joyce has exhibited her expressions of rural culture many times over the years in both Minnesota and South Dakota.

The public is invited to visit the SMAHC art gallery at its new downtown location (114 North 3rd Street, Marshall) and talk with the artist at a reception from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 6. Regular SMAHC Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

This activity is funded, in part, by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund, and its arts and cultural heritage fund that was created by vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

Davis speaks on the arts as an economic development tool

On August 14 through 17, SMAHC presented free Lunch & Learn sessions in Litchfield, Canby, Slayton, and Jackson on "The Arts as an Economic Development Tool for Rural Communities," led by John Davis. Davis has dedicated his career to working in small town arts and community development, and



John Davis

is a nationally recognized leader on rural arts issues. His work with the arts in New York Mills, MN has resulted in the town being recognized as a national model for rural economic development, and he has helped put Lanesboro, MN in the national spotlight as one of the premiere small town arts destinations in America.

Davis' message was well-received by the 102 attendees, including artists and representatives from arts organizations, city governments, chambers of commerce, and economic development authorities. Participants came away from the workshop starting to see the potential of the arts in their communities to provide future benefits throughout the SMAHC region.

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Workshop participants in Litchfield

www.smahc.org Grant guidelines, links to grant applications, arts calendar, news and contact information

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UPCOMING SMAHC GRANT DEADLINES

All SMAHC grants must be applied for online. Go to <u>www.smahc.org</u> for program guidelines, application tutorial, and the link to the online grant system.

September 1, 2012: Arts Legacy Project Planning

September 7, 2012:

Arts Organization Development & Arts Legacy Equipment & Facilities Improvement

October 1, 2012: Arts Legacy Project Planning

October 15, 2012: Arts in the Schools

November 1, 2012: Arts Legacy Project Planning

GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS

Workshops are free, but advance registration is encouraged. Contact the SMAHC office (800-622-5284 or smahcinfo@iw.net) to register.

Arts in the Schools Grant Workshop September 10, 4:30-6:00 pm SMAHC Office, Marshall

Individual Artist Grant Workshop November 15, 4:30-6:00 pm SMAHC Office, Marshall

SMAHC grant programs, awards & workshops are made possible in part by appropriations from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund, and its arts and cultural heritage fund that was created by a vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.



Interview with Prairie Star Malena Handeen, cont.

Talk about your songwriting and recording process.

I write out of frustration. I sing words that I can't find a way to speak. I play music when there is nothing left to say. Like crying or holding hands with someone, it's a way to communicate that which is difficult to articulate. I sometimes sing about painting. Sometimes I paint about song. When my children were small, I strung their words into all my music, especially Hazel's, who sang non-stop. Much has been inspired by motherhood. My recordings were made, at first, just so I would remember my own songs and so that friends could have them and learn to play them. I prefer to play my songs than to listen to them, of course. I had recorded with other artists and had live recordings, but I didn't have a product I could promote until I was awarded a grant from SMAHC for the CD project. The album Toothsome Favorites was recorded in the old Loose Tooth Saloon of Art which has since burned to the ground. The new Tooth, which is currently under construction, shall yield more imagery and more songs than its predecessor, in due time.

Who has encouraged you?

I would mention Jerry Ostensoe, Colleen Frey, Carol Ford and Brad Fernholz as artists who encouraged me to record my music and to whom I am grateful for the push. If a person wants healing and challenges themselves to resonate truthfully the angst and mirth that pounds in human chests, it is worth doing it well. You aren't magically gifted without being in the practice of a thing. I am just trying to stay in the practice so I can have the magic, and by magic I mean happiness, which is healing and somewhat contagious.

Tell us a little bit about your family.

My husband, Mike Jacobs, is good and clever. He bakes breads and grows the finest vegetables possible. He is a master of pie crusts. He is very tolerant of my eccentricities and a sharp dresser, though colorblind. The seasons dictate much of our daily lives. When the snow is perfect I cannot resist making domed alcoves. I will work on a snow fort like a boss while the weather is right. As I write this, it is the end of August and the fruits of the tomato, melon and zucchini beds must be gathered almost daily. My children are swiftly showing me how to be a better person. They are Hazel and Arlo, currently 12 and 9.

Congratulations to Malena Handeen on her accomplishments and on being named the SMAHC Prairie Star of 2012. The award will be officially presented to Malena at the SMAHC Annual Celebration on October 28 in Milan. Please come and help us honor her.

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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**September 1 SMAHC Arts Legacy Project Planning Grant Deadline.

****September 1-3 Grand Viewing: Museum Fence Mural**, Dassel History Center, 901 First St. N, **Dassel.** During Red Rooster Days. <u>http://www.ci.dassel.mn.us/</u>

****September 6 Joyce Meyer Artist Reception**, at the SMAHC Gallery, 114 N. 3rd Street, Marshall. 5 - 7 PM. Enjoy the blended digital imagery of Joyce Meyer and visit with the artist. Exhibit runs September 6 - November 3, 2012.

**September 7 SMAHC Arts Organization Development and Arts Legacy Equipment and Facilities Improvement Grant Deadline.

****September 8 Riverwalk Public Arts Day,** Riverfront Park, 3rd Ave NW, **Hutchinson**. A free day of art for both kids and adults includes a chalk art contest, Djembe drum making, a community quilt, and more. <u>www.hutchinsonarts.org/event/</u><u>riverwalk-public-arts-day</u>

September 8 An Evening at the Arts: Tribute to "Loretta Lynn & Friends", 8:00 pm at the **Pipestone** Performing Arts Center. Come at 6:30 for hors d'oeuvres, wine/beer, dessert & coffee. Tickets: Show Only, \$15. Show & Hors d'oeuvres gathering, \$25. Contact the PPAC Box Office at 507-825-2020.

****September 10** SMAHC Arts in the Schools Grantwriting Workshop, 4:30—6:00 pm, SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Mshl.

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****September 12-15** *The Dixie Swim Club*, 7:30 pm, The Barn Theatre, 321 SW 4th St, **Willmar.** For tickets, call the box office at 320-235-9500. Visit <u>www.thebarntheatre.com</u> for more information.

September 13 *Cantus* presented by Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 7:00 pm, Schwan's Community Center for the Performing Arts (MHS), 400 Tiger Drive, **Marshall**. Event is not part of the 2012-2013 series subscription – tickets are sold separately. Info at <u>www.mafac.net</u> or call 507-532-5463.

****September 14-18 Dick Lehman Woodfiring Workshop**, at the Deuschle Studio in Luverne. Friday: Gallery talk and glazing; Saturday: Load kiln and fire; Sunday: Studio time; Monday: Studio time; Tuesday: Studio time, unload kiln and wrap up. Fees: Glazing and firing - \$200. Glazing, firing & studio time with Dick - \$300. To register, send name, address, e-mail, phone and fee to Deuschle Studio, 1294 131st St, Luverne, MN 56156. More information at <u>ikdeuschle@yahoo.com</u> or 507-283-8477. For more information on Dick Lehman please go to his web site: <u>www.dicklehman.com</u>

****September 15 SMAHC Art Project Grant Review Panel**, 9:00 am, SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, **Marshall**.

September 16 Sirens of the 60s, 4:00 pm at the Estebo Performing Arts Center (RVHS), 100 George Ramseth Dr, Redwood Falls. Presented by the Redwood Concert Association.

September 19-22 The Dixie Swim Club, 7:30 pm, The Barn Theatre, 321 SW 4th St, Willmar. For tickets, call the box office at 320-235-9500. Visit <u>www.thebarntheatre.com</u> for more information.

****September 23 Sirens of the 60's** presented by Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 4:00 pm, Schwan's Community Center for the Performing Arts (MHS), 400 Tiger Drive, **Marshall**. Information at <u>www.mafac.net</u> or call 507-532-5463.

****September 25 Manfred Scribe of Siouxland Photo Contest Entry Deadline.** The themes are Landscape, Portraits, and Nature, with divisions for Adults, Young Adults (13-18), and (Youth 12 & under). \$5 entry fee. Turn in entries at the Luverne Area Chamber, 213 E Luverne St, Luverne. Information at 507-283-4061 or <u>luvernechamber@co.rock.mn.us</u>.

****September 25 SMAHC Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm, SMAHC Office, 114 N 3rd St, **Marshall.**

****September 29 Accessories Class**, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 28 Main Street N, **Hutchinson**. <u>www.hutchinsonarts.org</u>

September 29 Comedy Night with Bob Jay and Mike Preston, 8:30 pm at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center. Contact the PPAC Box Office at 507-825-2020.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

**October 1 SMAHC Arts Legacy Project Planning Grant Deadline.

****October 5 - 7, 2012 Meander Art Crawl,** MN River Valley corridor. Take a free self-guided tour of artist studios featuring 45 local artists from the Upper Minnesota River Valley. Friday, 12:00 – 6:00 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sunday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. For more info, go to www.artsmeander.com or call 1-866-866-5432.

****October 5-7 Milan Art Show**, Old Milan School Community Center- Dining Room, 408 North 4th Street, **Milan.**

****October 6 Salsabrosa Concert**, Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th St, **Dawson.** <u>http://dawsonboydarts.org</u>

****October 6 & 13 Wearable Art Class**, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 28 Main Street N, **Hutchinson**. www.hutchinsonarts.org

October 9 Bras for a Cause Gala Reception, 7:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 28 North Main Street, Hutchinson. Exhibit features bras turned into art. Vote for your favorite and bid on the winning bras in an auction. Proceeds to Hutchinson's breast cancer support group. More info: 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org

October 12-14 Calumet Players: "Leaving Iowa," 7:30 pm Fri & Sat, 2:00 pm Sunday, at the **Pipestone** Performing Arts Center. Contact the PPAC Box Office at 507-825-2020.

**October 15 SMAHC Arts in the Schools Grant Deadline.

**** October 15 McGinnis' Kitchen: Irish Stories & Song**, 3:30 pm, **Slayton** Public Library.

****October 16 McGinnis' Kitchen Concert**, MCC Auditorium, **Slayton**.

****October 19-21 Mythic Writing: Exploring Your Personal Story**, with Dennis Slattery. October 19: Free Community Lecture Discussion, 6:30-8:30pm, Ortonville High School

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Auditorium, Trojan Dr, **Ortonville**. October 20-21: Writers Workshop, 9:00-5:00 pm Saturday, 9:00-1:00 pm Sunday, Ortonville High School Auditorium. Information at <u>http://bigstonearts.com/.</u>

October 19-21 Calumet Players: "Leaving Iowa," 7:30 pm Fri & Sat, 2:00 pm Sunday, at the **Pipestone** Performing Arts Center. Contact the PPAC Box Office at 507-825-2020.

October 23 Home Free Vocal Band, 7:30 pm at the Montevideo Fine Arts Center, 3rd St & Eureka Ave, **Montevideo**. Presented by the MN Valley Community Concert Association.

**October 28 "Prairie Party" SMAHC Annual Celebration, 2:00-8:00pm, Old Milan School, Milan.

****October 28 Fall Festival of Music**, Buffalo Ridge Chorale, St. John Cantius Church, **Wilno.**

October 28 Main Stage Ballet & Dance Academy Showcase Fundraiser, Pipestone Performing Arts Center. For ticket information, contact the PPAC Box Office at 507-825-2020.

****October 28 Southwest Minnesota Orchestra: "Hauntcert"**, 4:00 pm, Schwan's Community Center for the Performing Arts (MHS), 400 Tiger Drive, **Marshall**. SMO will host a costume contest during the concert. Tickets: Adult \$15.00, Student \$5.00. Information at 507-530-2555 or kgruhot@frontier.com.

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****SMAHC Art Gallery**, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. September 6—November 2: Joyce Meyer, blended digital imagery. Artist Reception September 6 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00-12:00 and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

ARThouse, 117 1st Ave NE, **New London**. More info at <u>www.arthousenewlondon.com</u> or 320-354-3432.

ARTmeyerson, 105 4th St. N., **Atwater**. To schedule an appointment, call Sue Meyerson at 320-220-0970 or 320-974-3609.

Barn Theatre Art Gallery, 321 4th St. SW, **Willmar**. Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM. For more info, call 320-235-9500 or email <u>info@thebarntheater.com</u>.

Carnegie Cultural Center, 205 N. Freeman, **Luverne**. September: Woodfire Pottery. October: Siouxland Photo Contest. Hours: Tues – Fri, 1 - 5 PM and Sat 10 - 2 PM. For more info, email <u>cahrcl@yahoo.com</u> or call 507-283-8294. **Hutchinson Center for the Arts**, 28 North Main Street, **Hutchinson**. September 11-October 9: *Bras for a Cause* features bras turned into art in support of women fighting breast cancer. Gala reception Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. More info: 320-587-7278 or <u>www.hutchinsonarts.org</u>

****Kaleidoscope - An Artists' Gallery,** 326 Main Street South, **New London**. Located in the Banner Oak Pottery Building. Gallery Hours: 10 - 5 PM Mon - Sat. Call 320-295-0787 for more information.

KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice Street, **Granite Falls.** Gallery hours 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday and most Saturdays. Call 320-564-4039 for information.

****Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC),** 109 N. 3rd Street, **Marshall.** August 14 – September 21: Robert Schwan Memorial Photography Competition. Hours: Tues -Fri Noon - 5:30 PM. Evenings and Saturdays by appointment. Info: 507-532-5463 or <u>www.mafac.net</u>.

Milan Village Arts School, junction of MN Highway 7/59 and MN Highway 40, **Milan**. For info on upcoming classes call 320-734-4807 or visit <u>www.milanvillageartsschool.org</u>.

Minnesota's Machinery Museum, Hanley Falls, MN. September 8 – October 20 "The Way We Worked" traveling Smithsonian exhibit of photos, audio and other interactive components. Hours: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Info at <u>www.mnmachinerymuseum.com</u> or 507-768-3522.

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, **Worthington**. September: Cindy Gharibvand. October: Permanent Collection. Hours: M-F 2 - 4:30 PM. 507-372-8245.

Potato Eaters Gallery, 330 Litchfield Ave SW, **Willmar**. Call 320-382-9951 for hours and information.

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, **Windom.** May 6 - Sept. 8: Anita Skow: pastels, watercolor, & collage. Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 4 PM & Sat 10 - 4 PM. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email <u>cchs@windomnet.com</u>

William Whipple Gallery in Bellows Academic 291 at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. Call 507-537-6266 for hours and information.

****Willmar Area Arts Council Gallery** at WEAC building (Willmar Education and Arts Center), 611 Fifth St. SW, **Willmar.** More info at 320-231-8560 or willmarareaartscouncil.org.



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